Department of

# BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Northwestern College puts the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word at the center of all activities. The Scriptures are the integrating core for all academic programs. This commitment means that (1) the Bible is the most urgent concern of persons who study and work at the College, (2) the Bible provides answers to some of humanity's basic questions and establishes a theological frame of reference for education at the College, and (3) the Bible defines principles and standards for determining the purpose for which all learning is to be used.

Therefore, the purpose of the Department of Biblical & Theological Studies is to promote the central place of the Scriptures as the theological frame of reference for the curriculum. The department seeks to teach students the Bible as "the whole counsel of God," focused on the Lord Jesus Christ, and to train them to interpret and apply biblical content; to help students develop a life submitted to Christ and ordered by biblical ethics so that they can be steadfast spiritually in the midst of life's incongruities and trials; to equip students to develop a biblical worldview; to expose students to ministry in the church and to the world; and to enhance a climate of love and respect for one another in the learning environment.

**Zondervan/Northwestern College Ancient Languages Awards**
With the intent of inspiring students in their studies, Zondervan Publishing House initiated annual award programs to recognize outstanding achievement in the study of biblical Greek and biblical Hebrew. Northwestern College has entered into a participation agreement with Zondervan, according to which the Biblical & Theological Studies Department establishes selection criteria and the College presents these awards at the yearly Honors Convocation. The winners receive the prize of a Zondervan product (such as the Exhaustive Greek Concordance), a commemorative item (such as a medal), and the recognition of having his/her name engraved on a perpetual plaque displayed in the Berntsen Library. Northwestern has an additional Ancient & Classical Languages Award for an advanced language student each year. For more information, contact the chairperson of the Department of Biblical & Theological Studies.

## Biblical Studies Major Bachelor of Arts

The Biblical Studies major is designed to provide in-depth study and preparation in Bible and related areas and subjects. It is intended for students who wish to pursue graduate studies in preparation for teaching, for those who desire a solid pre-seminary program, or for persons who wish to gain a high proficiency in biblical studies. The degree is granted upon completion of 125 credits as specified on pages 42–43 (40 credits must be in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

**Required Courses . . . . . 22 cr**

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|---|---|---|
| BIB4460 | Studies in Biblical Theology | 2 |
| BIB4835 | Seminar in Theological Method **[OCE]** | 4 |
| BIA3235 | Second Temple Judaism | 4 |
| BIA3236 | Bible Customs and Geography | 4 |
| BIA4837 | Seminar in Exegetical Method **[WCE]** | 4 |
| HIS3125 | History of the Christian Church from Apostolic Times to the Present | 4 |

**Courses selected from the following . . . . . 8 cr**

Courses with ACL, BIA, BIB, or PHI prefixes*.

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|---|---|---|
| ICS2015 | World Religions | 4 |
| ICS3215 | Contemporary Religious Movements | 2 |
| LIN2226 | Introduction to Linguistics | 4 |
| LTH4155 | Literary Theory | 2 |
| MIN1005 | Introduction to Ministry | 2 |
| PAS4305 | Communicating the Biblical Message | 4 |

**Foreign Language . . . . . 16 cr**

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|---|---|---|
| ACL2001 | Elementary Greek I | 4 |
| ACL2002 | Elementary Greek II | 4 |
| ACL3201 | Intermediate Greek I | 4 |
| ACL3202 | Intermediate Greek II | 4 |

*MAY NOT INCLUDE COURSES USED TO MEET CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS.

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SEE PAGE 40 FOR EXPLANATION AND PREREQUISITES.

## Ancient & Classical Languages Minor . . . . . 20 cr

**Required Courses: ACL2001, 2002; 12 additional credits of courses with ACL prefix.**

## Bible Minor . . . . . 24 cr

Students who complete the following courses as part of the core curriculum requirement earn a minor in Bible. Junior or senior transfers may choose to complete these courses to earn the minor in Bible.

**Required Courses: BIA1005 (or BIA1825); BIA2025; BIA2115 (or BIA2825)*; BIA4345; BIB1001 (or BIB1825)+; BIB1002 (or BIB1826)+; BIB4360 (or BIB4825); select one course from BIB2215–3827.**

+COURSE FOR WHICH COMPETENCY MAY BE DEMONSTRATED. SEE PAGE 41. *PREREQUISITE FOR ALL BIB-PREFIX EXPOSITION COURSES NUMBERED 2000 OR ABOVE.

# Philosophy Major Bachelor of Arts

The Philosophy major is designed to develop capacities and desires for sustained and careful thinking about fundamental questions regarding the world and life and for extended critical conversation regarding others' worldviews, the truth of basic beliefs, and logical relations between beliefs. It is also designed to develop a set of skills needed for these. All of this is rooted in a background of historic Christian theology, in particular the basic truth that God is acting according to plan for his purpose in Christ. Students completing this major will, therefore, possess intellectual abilities important for life as a whole, beyond the knowledge and skills required for any particular profession. The degree is granted upon completion of 125 credits, as specified on page 42-43 (40 credits must be in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Philosophy** course in core curriculum: PHI2055.

**Required Courses . . . . . 28 cr**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| PHI2005 | Introduction to Philosophy | 4 |
| PHI2007 | Linguistic Introduction to Logic | 4 |
| PHI2016 | Ethics | 4 |
| PHI2055 | Introduction to Theological Philosophy (SEE PHILOSOPHY REQUIREMENT ABOVE) | |
| PHI3035 | Metaphysics | 2 |
| PHI3045 | Philosophy of Belief and Knowledge **[OCE]** | 4 |
| PHI3805 | Topics in Philosophy | 4 |
| PHI4835 | Senior Seminar in Philosophy **{WCE}** | 4 |

**Select one of the following:**

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|---|---|---|
| PHI3011 | History of Philosophy: Ancient | 2 |
| PHI3012 | History of Philosophy: Medieval | 2 |
| PHI3013 | History of Philosophy: Modern | 2 |
| PHI3014 | History of Philosophy: Contemporary | 2 |

**Courses selected from the following . . . . . 8 cr**

Must select at least 4 credits of PHI prefix courses

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|---|---|---|
| PHI3025 | Philosophy of Religion | 4 |
| PHI3036 | Jonathan Edwards Seminar | 4 |
| ART3365 | Aesthetics | 2 |
| BIB4835 | Seminar in Theological Method | 4 |
| HIS3146 | History of Western Thought | 4 |
| LTH4155 | Literary Theory | 2 |
| MAT2825 | Honors History and Philosophy of Mathematics | 4 |
| PSY4306 | History and Philosophy of Psychology | 4 |

**Foreign Language . . . . . 8 cr**

Must achieve second semester of first-year language sequence or higher. See page 41.

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## Philosophy Minor . . . . . 20 cr

**Required Courses: PHI2005; choose 12–14 credits from ART3365, BIA4345, PSY4306, or PHI prefix courses; choose one course from BUS4435, EDU4415, or PHI2016.**

# Associate of Arts & Bible—Option 1: General Associate with a Biblical Worldview Theme . . . . . 60 cr

The Associate of Arts and Bible program is designed to prepare the graduate for transfer to an upper-level degree program at Northwestern or another institution. The degree is granted upon completion of 60 credits as specified here. Of the two options available in this program, students should select the one which best serves their educational objectives. Students are responsible to check the course requirements of the program and school where further study is planned.

- **Option 1** follows the same core curriculum as Northwestern College bachelor's degrees achieving all of the same general education objectives and 14–16 credits of Bible coursework.

## Foundation Courses: Establishing the origin, nature, and significance of a biblical worldview; establishing oral and written communication skill . . . . . 19–21 cr

**Foundations of a Biblical Worldview . . . . . 10–12 cr**

BIA1005 Biblical Worldview: Personal Responsibility (OR BIA1825 HONORS) . . . . . 2
BIA2025 Biblical Worldview: Community & Culture . . . . . 4
BIB1001 Old Testament History and Literature+ (OR BIB1825 HONORS) **or**
BIB1002 New Testament History and Literature+ (OR BIB1826 HONORS) . . . . . 2–4
BIA2115 Principles of Biblical Interpretation* (OR BIA2825 HONORS) . . . . . 2

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*PREREQUISITE FOR ALL BIB-PREFIX EXPOSITION COURSES NUMBERED 2000 OR ABOVE.

**Foundations of Communications . . . . . 9 cr**

**Written Communication**
ENG1105 Composition* (OR ENG1825 HONORS) . . . . . 4
ENG2205 Critical Thinking and Writing (OR ENG2825 HONORS) . . 2
**Oral Communication**
SPE1075 Public Speaking (OR SPE1825 HONORS) . . . . . 3

*NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH MAY SUBSTITUTE LAN1105 FOR ENG1105.

## Exploration Courses: Exploring academic disciplines through a biblical worldview . . . . . 23–27 cr

**Examining the Human Condition: History, Social Sciences, & Physical Education . . . . . 8–9 cr**

HIS1005 History of Western Civilization (OR HIS1825 HONORS) . . 4
**Social Sciences** . . . . . 3–4
(SELECT FROM ANT1045, 2045; COM4105; ECO2201, 2211, 2212; GEO1005, 1015; POS1005, 2005; PSY1005, 2108; SOC1035, 2035)
PHE1065 Lifetime Fitness & Wellness. . . . . 1

NOTE: NO COURSE CAN FULFILL TWO CATEGORIES.

**Reflecting God's Image: Fine Arts, Literature, Philosophy, & Foreign Language . . . . . 8–10 cr**

**Fine Arts: Art, Music, Theater, Film** . . . . . 2–4
(SELECT FROM ART1005, 1035, 1825, 2045-2047, 3026-3029, 3065–3068, 3162, 3265, 3365, 4265; COM2007, 2135; LIT2135; MCH3007; *MEN2001-2003, 2030-2031, 2040-2041, 4001-4003, 4030-4031, 4040-4041 [*MAXIMUM OF TWO MEN CREDITS MAY BE APPLIED TOWARD FINE ARTS]; MUH3106; MUS1075, 1825; THE1051, 1055, 2625, 3257, 4625 [MAXIMUM OF TWO THEATRE WORKSHOP CREDITS MAY BE APPLIED TOWARD FINE . ARTS])
**Literature** (ANY COURSE WITH LIT PREFIX OR SPA3325) . . . . . 2–4
**Philosophy** . . . . . 2–4
(SELECT ANY COURSE WITH PHI PREFIX, ART3365, BUS4435, EDU4415, MAT2825, OR PSY4306)
**Foreign Language** (OPTIONAL). . . . . 0–4
(SECOND SEMESTER OF FIRST-YEAR LANGUAGE SEQUENCE OR HIGHER)

**Understanding the Natural World: Science & Mathematics 7–8 cr**

**Mathematics** . . . . . 3–4
(THREE TO FOUR CREDITS WITH MAT PREFIX; PSY3208)
**Lab Science** (ONE LABORATORY SCIENCE COURSE) . . . . . 4
WHEN A STUDENT RECEIVES AN UNSATISFACTORY GRADE IN THE LABORATORY PORTION OF A LAB COURSE (LOWER THAN THE EQUIVALENCY OF A C-), THE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE COURSE IF THE OVERALL COURSE GRADE IS A D- OR HIGHER BUT THE CREDITS WILL NOT FULFILL THE CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENT. THE STUDENT MUST REPEAT THE CLASS AND THE LAB OR PASS A DIFFERENT CLASS/LAB TO FULFILL THE NATURAL WORLD LAB SCIENCE REQUIREMENT.

## Immersion Courses: Probing the depths of a biblical worldview . . . . . 6 cr

**Biblical Worldview: Texts & Contexts . . . . . 2–4 cr**

**Exposition:** Select one course from the testament not studied in Foundations
If BIB1001/1825 is taken, select from BIB2215–3228, 3826–3827, If BIB1002/1826 is taken, select from BIB3231–3247, 3825, 3827

**Biblical Electives:**
**Select any additional BIA or BIB course . . . . . 2–4 cr**

## Open Elective Courses: Further explorations through a biblical worldview. . . . . 6–12 cr

Select any courses to bring the total credits earned to at least 60.

# Associate of Arts & Bible—Option 2: Specialized Associate with a Biblical Worldview Theme . . . . . 60 cr

The Associate of Arts and Bible program is designed to prepare the graduate for transfer to an upper-level degree program at Northwestern or another institution. The degree is granted upon completion of 60 credits as specified here. Of the two options available in this program, students should select the one which best serves their educational objectives. Students are responsible to check the course requirements of the program and school where further study is planned.

- **Option 2** follows most of the same core curriculum as Northwestern College bachelor's degrees, includes 14–16 credits of Bible coursework, and allows for a specialization of the student's own design.

## Foundation Courses: Establishing the origin, nature, and significance of a biblical worldview; establishing oral and written communication skill . . . . . 19–21 cr

**Foundations of a Biblical Worldview . . . . . 10–12 cr**

BIA1005 Biblical Worldview: Personal Responsibility (OR BIA1825 HONORS) . . . . . 2
BIA2025 Biblical Worldview: Community & Culture . . . . . 4
BIB1001 Old Testament History and Literature+ (OR BIB1825 HONORS) **or**
BIB1002 New Testament History and Literature+ (OR BIB1826 HONORS) . . . . . 2–4
BIA2115 Principles of Biblical Interpretation* (OR BIA2825 HONORS) . . . . . 2

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**Foundations of Communications . . . . . 9 cr**

**Written Communication**
ENG1105 Composition* (OR ENG1825 HONORS) . . . . . 4
ENG2205 Critical Thinking and Writing (OR ENG2825 HONORS) . . 2
**Oral Communication**
SPE1075 Public Speaking (OR SPE1825 HONORS) . . . . . 3

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## Exploration Courses: Exploring academic disciplines through a biblical worldview . . . . . 17–20 cr

**Examining the Human Condition: History, Social Sciences. . . . . 6–8 cr**

HIS1005 History of Western Civilization (OR HIS1825 HONORS) . . 4
**Social Sciences** . . . . . 2–4
(SELECT FROM ANT1045, 2045; COM4105; ECO2201, 2211, 2212; GEO1005, 1015; POS1005, 2005; PSY1005, 2108; SOC1035, 2035)

**Reflecting God's Image: Fine Arts, Literature, Philosophy, & Foreign Language** (FOREIGN LANGUAGE IS OPTIONAL) **. 4 cr**
(SELECT FROM ART1005, 1035, 1825, 2045-2047, 3026-3029, 3065–3068, 3162, 3265, 3365, 4265; COM2007, 2135; LIT2135; MCH3007; *MEN2001-2003, 2030-2031, 2040-2041, 4001-4003, 4030-4031, 4040-4041 [*MAXIMUM OF TWO MEN CREDITS MAY BE APPLIED TOWARD FINE ARTS]; MUH3106; MUS1075, 1825; THE1051, 1055, 2625, 3257, 4625 [MAXIMUM OF TWO THEATRE WORKSHOP CREDITS MAY BE APPLIED TOWARD FINE ARTS]; ANY COURSE WITH LIT PREFIX OR SPA3325; ANY COURSE WITH PHI PREFIX, ART3365, BUS4435, EDU4415, MAT2825, OR PSY4306; SECOND SEMESTER OF FIRST-YEAR LANGUAGE SEQUENCE OR HIGHER)

NOTE: NO COURSE CAN FULFILL TWO CATEGORIES.

**Understanding the Natural World: Science & Mathematics 7–8 cr**

**Mathematics** . . . . . 3–4
(THREE TO FOUR CREDITS WITH MAT PREFIX; PSY3208)
**Lab Science** (ONE LABORATORY SCIENCE COURSE) . . . . . 4
WHEN A STUDENT RECEIVES AN UNSATISFACTORY GRADE IN THE LABORATORY PORTION OF A LAB COURSE (LOWER THAN THE EQUIVALENCY OF A C-), THE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE COURSE IF THE OVERALL COURSE GRADE IS A D- OR HIGHER BUT THE CREDITS WILL NOT FULFILL THE CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENT. THE STUDENT MUST REPEAT THE CLASS AND THE LAB OR PASS A DIFFERENT CLASS/LAB TO FULFILL THE NATURAL WORLD LAB SCIENCE REQUIREMENT.

## Immersion Courses: Probing the depths of a biblical worldview . . . . . 6 cr

**Biblical Worldview: Texts & Contexts . . . . . 2–4 cr**

**Exposition:** Select one course from the testament not studied in Foundations
If BIB1001/1825 is taken, select from BIB2215–3228, 3826–3827, If BIB1002/1826 is taken, select from BIB3231–3247, 3825, 3827

**Biblical Electives:**
**Select any additional BIA or BIB course . . . . . 2–4 cr**

## Specialization: Focused study through a biblical worldview. . . . . 13–18 cr

Select courses designed to give one a specialization bringing the total credits earned to at least 60. The specialization should consist of courses in related areas and may be designed with specific discipline majors in mind, such as Psychology, Literature, History, Communication, Business, or Bible; or it may be broader in scope in preparation for careers in other areas. Courses in the specialization are to be chosen in consultation with the advisor.

# Certificate in Bible: Biblical Worldview Theme . . . . . .32 cr

The Certificate in Bible is designed for those desiring concentrated training in the Word of God. It assists students to become established in the faith, rooted and grounded in the Word, and fortified with answers to humanity's primary questions regarding life's purpose and destiny. It provides tools for continuing Bible study and for effective Christian witness. It is of value to professional men and women going to the mission field and needing such a concentrated study of the Bible. The Certificate in Bible is granted upon completion of the same Bible credits included in Northwestern College's bachelor's degrees.

## Foundation Courses: Establishing the origin, nature, and significance of a biblical worldview; establishing oral and written communication skill . . . . . .14 cr

**Foundations of a Biblical Worldview . . . . . 14 cr**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| BIA1005 | Biblical Worldview: Personal Responsibility (OR BIA1825 HONORS) | 2 |
| BIA2025 | Biblical Worldview: Community & Culture | 4 |
| BIB1001 | Old Testament History and Literature+ (OR BIB1825 HONORS) | 4 |
| BIB1002 | New Testament History and Literature+ (OR BIB1826 HONORS) | 2 |
| BIA2115 | Principles of Biblical Interpretation* (OR BIA 2825 HONORS) | 2 |

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**Foundations of Communication:. . . . . Competency**

Competency in reading and composition must be demonstrated in one of four ways. Any credits earned to demonstrate competency do not count as part of the 32 credits needed for the Certificate.

1. By English course work successfully completed at another college or university.
2. By scoring high enough on a CLEP English composition examination to qualify for ENG1105 credit according to Northwestern College credit-by-exam criteria.
3. By an ACT English or ACT English/Writing score of 25 or higher or an SAT Writing score of 570 or higher.
4. If none of the above methods apply, by completing ENG1105* (or ENG1825). Additionally, a student may be required to complete RDG0009 and/or ENG0009.

*NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH MAY SUBSTITUTE LAN1105 FOR ENG1105.

## Immersion Courses: Probing the depths of a biblical worldview . . . . . .18 cr

**Biblical Worldview: Texts & Contexts . . . . . 10 cr**

**Exposition . . . . . .6–8 cr**

**Old Testament Exposition** . . . . . 2–4
(SELECT ONE COURSE FROM BIB3231–3247, 3825, 3827)

**New Testament Exposition**. . . . . 2–4
(SELECT ONE COURSE FROM BIB2215–3228, 3826, 3827)

**Selectives . . . . . .2–4 cr**

**Biblical Worldview & Academic Disciplines*** . . . . . 0–4
ACL2001, ACL2002, ACL3011, ACL3012, ACL3201, ACL3202, ART3025, EDU3209, ENG4435, ICS4207, LTH4155, MIN2105, MIN2106, MIN2216, MUH3106.

* WHILE MANY OF THESE COURSES ARE OFFERED OUTSIDE OF THE BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT, THEY INCORPORATE SO CLOSELY THE BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW WHICH THEY INTENTIONALLY EXAMINE THAT THEY ARE BEING CONSIDERED BIBLE COURSES.

**BIB/BIA Prefix Electives** . . . . . 0-4

**Biblical Worldview: Theory & Application. . . . . 8 cr**

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|---|---|---|
| BIB4360 | Christian Theology (OR BIB4825 HONORS) | 4 |
| BIA4345 | Biblical Worldview Capstone: Christian Thought | 4 |

# Northwestern College Bible Institute

Further details are given on page 32.